65 days to summer vacation

The Round-Up

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STUDENTS SWITCH EAST VISITED

by Karl Weiss

Thursday, March 14, West Junior High's five Student Council officers went over to East Junior High to spend a day going through their officers' classes.

It was worked out by sending president with president, vice-president with vice-president etc. The first part of the day was spent touring the school and talking things over. After lunch band was visited as well as other classes.

Here are some comments by our officers on Exchange Day: Pete Kingston said, "It was a fun day." Jim Buelow said, "It was nice, but they have alot more freedom in class than we do."

Marcy Ouellette explained, "The School is nice and so are the kids."

Michele Ouellette said, "We saw and learned alot, but "West is still Best". They have alot more freedom than we have."

Exchange Completed

by Dan Meade

Tuesday, March 26, the Student Council members of East came to West for Exchange Day.

During this day the members were taken throughout the school, seeing different classes.

By experiencing this, the officer sometimes picks up ideas and takes them back to East.

Starting the day, the officers were brought from East to West's front door, where they were greeted by West's Council officers and Mr. Goodsman. After being introduced, they went to the first class for about 20 minutes.

After seeing many different classes, they left third hour journalism for lunch.

They attended band for the entire fourth hour.

After attending classes through seventh hour, the officers left for East.

East's president, Rick Stribley, was asked this question and firmly replied, "Exchange Day is made possible to better the relations between East and West Junior Highs.

ACTION LINE

LET ACTION BE YOUR PIPELINE TO THE TOP. WE WILL TRY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS.

Dear Action Line,

Why do we have to pay to get into sports activities this year. All those dimes can really get to be alot of money.

Broke

Dear Broke,

Action Line took this problem up with West's athletic director Mr. Perriello. He said that they are selling tickets this year so they get only the people who really want to come to the games. We have found that in this way we have a better crowd control and there seems to be more spirit. All in all it has worked out very satisfactorily.

USAF Careers Considered

by Gary Ziegler

The Civil Air Patrol is an organization that requires a great amount of responsibility and a lot of interest in the line of guns, for they are used in drilling and shooting.

As soon as all the members are all accounted for at the regular meetings, the patrol starts their drills with guns. They do drills, about three in 15 minutes, and then go into other activities such as shooting guns at a special shooting range. The patrol does drills exactly like the Air Force does. The meetings are called to order by Captain Joe Frye, Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the 9th grade commons area.

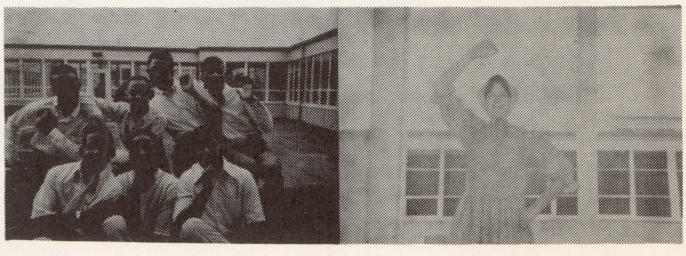
This summer the patrol is planning a field trip to Amarillo Air Force in Texas to learn more about shooting. If your a boy or girl, 12 years of age or over, you are eligible to join.

COMING EVENTS

What's coming up in the near future around school?

April 15-19	Spring Vaction
April 19-20	Science Fair
April 30	Tuberculin Test
May 2	Tuberculin Test (reading)
May 9	Band Concert
May 16	Chorus Program
May 23	Orchestra Concert

STUDENTS OF WEST DISPLAY TALENT DURING ASSEMBLY



Participating in the variety show were: pic. on left, top row l-r, Grady Rice, Lee Osler, Cedric Williams, Keith Boone; bottom row-Terry Weatherspoon, Jack Lee & Ralph Hargraves. Pic. on right-Krista Wheatley.

This year there were eight events of singing and dancing. hey were: 1. The Kids consisting of four 7th graders portraying the "kid look." In this group was Betsy Ducan, Barbara Shell, Louise Shell, and Virginia Compere; 2. The 2nd act was done by Krista Wheatley. It was a Scottish peasant dance which she composed herself; 3. The 3rd act was a selection by the Westernettes, "Somewhere My Love."; 4. The 4th act was a singing group called Marvin and the Soulmates. They performed "I Want to Forget You." In this group was Keith Boone, Lee Asler, Grady Rice and Cedric Williams; 5. The 5th act was the Mustang Singers singing "Blowing in the Wind."; 6. The 6th act was done by the Golden Masonices singing one of their own compositions, "No Education." In this group is Ralph Hargrave, Terry Weatherspoon, and Jack Lee; 7. The last act was done by the Greenwich Blues singing "I Want to be Free"

Ypsilanti Teen Clubs Offer Students Recreation And Fun

FLETCHER

by Mark Hamilton

The Fletcher chapter of the Ypsilanti Teen Club started organizing processes Feb. 21, with the help of their advisors Mr. Berry and Miss Mattingly.

Having already started business meetings, the officers are as follows: Jim Buelow, President; Pete Kingston, Vice President; Diane Hall, Secretary; and Mary Stevenson, Treasurer. This chapter concerns junior high youths in the Fletcher Elementary School area and other nearby areas.

At present the organization is providing refreshments and recreation activities such as dancing, basketball and ping-pong for its members. In the future they hope to sponsor some sort of a dance and enlarge refreshments.

CITY - WIDE

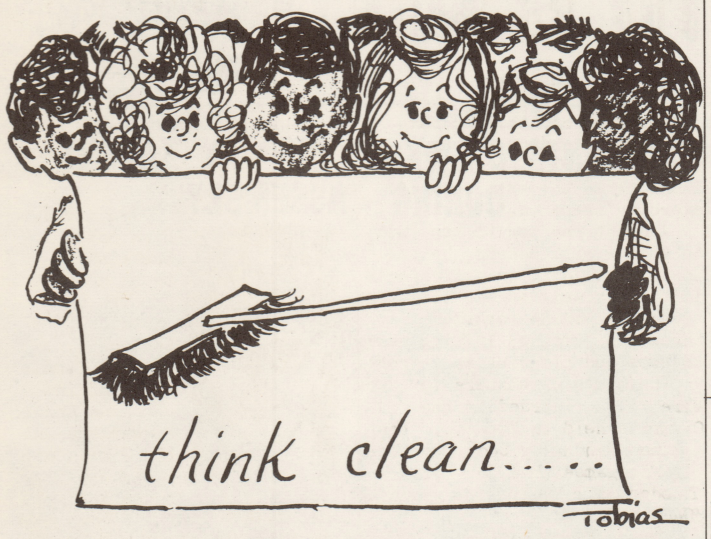
by Diane Hall

The old Thompson House, near the City Hall on North Huron Street is now the Community Teen Center. Teenagers from schools in the community of Ypsilanti are welcome to come. You do not have to be in school, only between the ages of 13 and 19.

The Teen Center has alreauy elected their officers. They are Harold Tripp, president; John Milford, vice president; Annete Callis, secretary, and Brenda Moore, treasurer.

At the present time students who have volunteered from schools here in Ypsilanti, are cleaning and painting the Thompson House. There will be a dance April 19 here at West where you can sign up to join the Teen Center.

Why Force Your Broom?



by Lorraine Holman

Is it always necessary to be forced into cleaning-up by some contest or proclaimed week? It isn't necessary to wait until a contest comes to be willing to work and make the best of everything.

We're the best in band, basketball and just about anything we put our minds to. This idea calls for more than just being the best in sports and other activities, but in everything. To be called "Best" we have to be good in everything inside and outside of school and cleaning up is one way to help inside.

It doesn't take much of an effort to pick up the litter around you, I know. Sure, one may say that it's not dirty, but why wait until the dirt and trash accumulate to a point to make you work? It isn't necessary to make work for yourself so why do it?

It's really disgusting to see a person kick a piece of paper down the halls and never bother even to look at it. Now, there's really not an excuse for being this lazy.

There are ways to get rid of these bad habits that have been accumulated including:

A) picking up the paper,
B) putting a little more extra effort into making this school the best.

If you follow these helpful hints, West will be "Best" in everything.

West's Faculty Reveal Their Dark Secrets!

by Krista Wheatley

Did you know that . . .

. . . Miss Kerr is really a nun so she can't get married;

. . . Mr. McElhaney tried to use U.n.c.u.r.l. and it made his hair fell out:

...Mrs. Salmeen was a national cheerleading champion when she was in school.

. . . Mr. Siegle was a champion jacks player in grade school;

. . . Mr. Grimes is running for President;

. . . Mr. Latta took three months of private basketball lessons before playing in the Freshmen-Faculty game;

. . . Mr. Kerr used to be a band director in the Barnum and Bailey Circus;

. . . Mrs. Curtis can only type five words per minute without any mistakes;

Student Illustrates Writing Talent...

Life's Many Roads

by Teri Adams

As people hurry down the busy street,
Rushing on, toward their destination.
I listen to the pattering of feet,
Wondering with intent and fascination.
All sorts of people, the young and the old
Must travel along life's busy highway.
It's not an easy route, I'm told.
A little bit further they go each day.
They grow fewer as they move toward home
Each taking different turns in the road.
Simple paths with easy turns beckon some
While others must struggle to reach their abode.
Somewhere for all is a welcoming mat.
They travel towards home, but where is that?

Easter Holiday Includes Religious, Fantasy Trims

by Cara Sroges

Hoppity, hoppity, Easter's on the way! But Easter isn't all bunnies and eggs.

Easter is a religious holiday marking the resurrection of Christ. The date of Easter varies. However, it is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that comes after March 21.

The name of the holiday, Easter, comes from a word of the Norsemen, Eastur, which means season of the growing sun.

Although Easter is a religious holiday most people associate it with colorful eggs and the Easter Bunny. How did these things come about? You know that Easter, in a sense, is a holiday of life.

There are other traditions such as egg hunts, or egg rollings. There is also a game of tapping eggs in which one person tries to break another's egg without cracking his own. There is the tradition that most people in America are familiar with. This is having the Easter Bunny leave children an Easter basket filled with delicious candy.

Of course, there is always the fun of spring vacation to look forward to!

Student Council Sets Arbor Day

by Cheryl Callis

Your Student Council has been keeping pretty busy lately, thinking of an excellent project, readying for Clean-Up Week, and using our money wisely to help others. Here is what's happening.

The project was the suggestion that the Student Council adopt a child from a needy country by sending him money and other necessary items. Be sure to suggest more good projects, such as this one. Council needs the support of the student body.

For Arbor Day on April 22, Council is planning to get a blue spruce tree, the same type of tree they had last year. It will be planted near the outdoor display case.

Our money is being wisely used in other ways too. When a West student or student's parent dies, council sends flowers with sympathy. They gave $50.00 to the March of Dimes, and they bought ping-pong balls and cards to use at Fun-Nites, for your enjoyment.

However, Council still has money in their treasury and they welcome suggestions for good ways of using your money.

by Tom Byrum

This little fellow is a Freshman at West Junior High School. He could be known as the "class clown". He lives in a large white house on Cross Street. He has gym first hour and Mrs. Blasie for Algebra second hour. His dad is a teacher at Ypsi High School.

Answer

If you haven't guessed yet, he's Bob Moffett.

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In The Spotlight

by Karl Weiss

This issue's spotlight is centered on Wayman Greene, who was chosen by the students of the 9th grade as the most athletic person in the perfect person poll.

Wayman in his first year as a West Junior High School student, has made a big impression. His athletic ability is outstanding.

In football this year Wayman was the team's leading ground gainer, and also a defensive stand out. Coach Wagner feels that Wayman is a very good halfback, but that he will not have the same opportunities that he will have in basketball. Wayman feels, "I did well, but I could've done better."

During the cage season this year Wayman was captain. He led this year's freshman team to a 7-3 record. In regular season play Wayman scored 210 points on 85 field goals and 40 foul shots for a 21 point average.

Wayman started playing basketball when he was in 5th grade when he played for Perry School. In 7th and 8th grades he played for East Junior High where he helped lead his team to two undefeated seasons. During the summer between 8th grade and 9th grade all Wayman did was practice his basketball and it paid off with a fantastic season.

Coach Wagner feels that, "Wayman has great possibilities if he's willing to work hard enough. If he does work hard enough, he is good varsity material as a sophomore. He has as good moves as any varsity player. "He also expressed that Wayman was a tremendous addition to the team and I would have hated to meet East with Wayman and Rhodin at guard slots."

Wayman, as well as being a good athlete, is well known and liked by his friends as a fun-lover. Wayman likes girls and likes to go to parties and dances. He likes to dance very much and is very good at it. He is a member of the Teen Club at Chappelle School where he dances and shoots baskets.

Wayman is planning on going out for track as a sprinter to keep in shape.

Mrs. Blasie, his homeroom teacher, makes this comment, "Wayman has been the hero of our homeroom since he became such a basketball and football star. Yet it certainly hasn't gone to his head. He's a good citizen, hard worker, and always has a big smile for everyone."

West Track Team Begins Ninth Year

by Gary Ziegler

West Jr. High's track team has started its not-so-long season on Monday, April 1.

The team starts its practice by running the minimum of four laps around the football field, and then, as a group, go into calisthenics.

After the warm-up, the team members divide up separately and practice their own particular events they wish to run in the meets.

This year our track team is looking forward to four big track meets, one of them just for 7th and 8th grade boys only. This meet will be held at Belleville.

The boys of the team are showing outstanding hustle and a great desire to win. Mr. Perriello would like to see some new school records posted on the boys' locker room, and his wish just might come true!

Track Features Eighth Grade Runners

by John Schmidt

With track coming up, as soon as spring comes around the corner, many West Junior High athletes are thinking about future positions. Mr. Perriello gave his opinions on several positions for likely 8th grade runners.

Dane Fortney, a favored long runner, will probably be entered in the 220 and 440 or on up to the 880 yard runs.

A future sprinter, Rufus Powell, will be running the 100 and 75 yard dashes.

Ricky Hawkins and Fred Trosko will be jumping the hurdles, Fred over the high and Ricky on the low.

Big Pat McCrystal will be entered in the field event of throwing the shotput.

A likely high-jumper will be Doug Baylis, who hopes to fit in the place of Roy Alexander and beat Albert Richison's record of 5',6''.

Another short sprinter will be Bob McSpadden, who runs the 50 yard dash.

I'm sure these boys along with the 9th graders will fill the place left by the advancements to 10th grade of last years Freshmen.

HO HUM!

Sign over small lunch counter: In God we trust; all others cash.

Daffynishion:Mexican General-Tijuana Brass

Track From The Beginning

by Tom Byrum

Running is probably the oldest form of athletic competition according to our track coach Mr. Perriello, "Running is the best form of exercise there is."

Ancient men had to run fast to escape wild beasts, he had to throw objects in selfdefense, lift heavy weights and climbing trees. Later he regarded throwing, jumping, lifting heavy objects and climbing as a sport.

The names of winners in track were first recorded in the Olympics held in 776 B.C. The Romans eventually took over the Olympic games, but Emperor Theodosius I halted the games in 394 A.D.

These Olympic games, held every four years, had featured jumping, hurdling, weight throwing and running.

Track was introduced in England in the twelfth century. In 1864 the first college meet was held with Oxford defeating Cambridge. The first American amateaur competition was held 100 years ago in 1868. In 1878 the ICAAAA was founded (Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America) with its first meet in 1876. In 1888 the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) was founded. This union soon began to set up rules for track and field meets.

In 1896 the Olympics resumed in Athens, Greece, after 1,502 years. The most famous annual track meet in the United States is held by the newly founded NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association).

Today some of the same events are used as were used 2,000 years ago. So come out and see some of the oldest track events in history run by our own track team.

Record Proves Invincibility

by Dan Meade

This is West Junior High's ninth year and it is also the West wrestlers' ninth year.

Do you realize that out of all nine of those years, West has had 7 or 8 wrestling meets a year and hes lost only two?

They lost their first long ago under the coaching of Mr. Wilbanks, and lost their second just this year under the coaching of Mr. Lambros. Both coaches are former wrestlers of Ypsilanti High School.

Behind The Scenes

by Fred Trosko

While the sports scene around West was rather quiet, the sports scene outside of West was buzzing with activity.

Two areas high school basketball teams made it through the Districts, Regionals, Quarter finals and Semifinals and made their appearance in the Finals at Jenison Fieldhouse in East Lansing, but only one team came home with the championship.

Ypsilanti High School, ranked number one in the Class A by the Associated Press, was defeated by a tall and accurate hot-shooting Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills ball club 76-68. The Braves went through a suspense filled quarter and semifinal game, winning both 73-70 against Battle Creek Central and Detroit Catholic Central, but ran out of speed against Grand Rapids. They were handicapped by early foul trouble to forward Bob Rhodin and 6 ft. 8½ in. center Craig Larsen, and just didn't seem to play the ball the way they used to. Guard Ernie Cryer of Grand Rapids held the "hot hand" as he poured in 25 points and center Ernie Johnson harassed Ypsi shooters all night.

Overall, everyone should be proud of Ypsi as it was the first time Coach Dick Ouellette and his Braves ever got that far.

On the other hand, first year coach Fred Thomann and his Willow Run Flyers captured the Class B title by defeating previously unbeaten Holland Christian. The Flyers, underdogs going into the semifinals, pulled an upset by defeating top-ranked Menominee 64-61. All-stater Dave Hart had a great tournament season and popped in 32 points in the final. Tony Rankin and Rodney Cheeks were also great assets to the team.

That marks the end of the season with Ypsilanti winning 23 games and losing one. Willow Run won 17 and lost 7. Congratulations to both Ypsi and Willow Run, two fine teams from the Ypsilanti area.

OH WELL:

Misery is- when your parents eagerly volunteer to chaperone the big school dance.

Road runner-Trackstar

Eighth Grade Perfect Person

Perfect persons were chosen by voting in the 8th grade class. In the case of one student getting best in two or more categories the person in second place was reconized.

PERFECT GIRL
Eyes- Glo Sawaya
Hair- Sue Vargo
Nose- Nancy Parks
Biggest Smile- Marcy Ouellette
Personality- Karen Weiss
Scholar- Barb Brower
Dressing Ability- Leah Bass
Dancing Ability- Vanessa Etchison
Athletic Ability- Mary Bell
Sense of Humor- Michelle Ferrell

PERFECT BOY
Eyes- Gary Ziegler
Hair- Jeff Rust
Nose- Mike Wilson
Biggest Smile- Fred Trosko
Scholar- Mark Hamilton
Dressing Ability- Doug Baylis
Dancing Ability- Rich Nisbet
Athletic Ability- Rufus Powell
Sense of Humor- Mike Gilbert
Personality- Bob Fidler

Columns of Fun and Columns of Laughter

Can You Imagine

by Diane Hall

Mr. McElhaney as Mickey Mouse;
Arden Basler in love with Dr. Zhivago;
Chris Heater wearing a bikini bathing suit;
Arnold Stanles and Paul Dorsey staying out of trouble;
Mrs. Mooney in a micro mini-skirt;
Lura Wollam weighing 200 pounds;
Kari Kortesoja liking Donald Jarvis instead of Jim Buelow;
Pete Kingston and Mike Hendricks as brothers;
Barbie Boomer (Bruemmer) the bouncing bubble dancer;

Believe It Or Not

by Phil Spradlin

... Fred Trosko took ballet for three years.
... Bob Moffett plays the violin.
... Jim Fink has been down to the office three times for picking on Bob McSpadden.
... Cindy Brown wants to become a flower child.
... Janie Porter was really elected for the perfect person physical ability, but The Round-Up cheated.
... Jean Davis is 17.
... Mr. Townsend practices hippieism.
... Steve Soucie's grandfather personally knew Bonnie and Clyde.

The Shadow Casts Over Bruce Helppie

by John Schmidt

The Round-Up's Shadow for this issue falls on Bruce Helppie, who is an 8th grader here at West and a very strange person!

Bruce, recently suffering from the move of a one time West Student, still seems quite happy and finds enough time to do his before homeroom talk with Steve (squishy-naggins) Smith by telling him his experiences of the past few days.

As the school day starts off, Bruce rolls through his classes keeping his friends in constant laughter. By the time his long loved fifth hour comes around Bruce finds his jokes in unappreciative danger because of one warbird in the class!

When the bell rings, Bruce hurries out into the hall to get his daily (after math) drink.

Bruce takes his time getting to his 6th hour class in Mrs. Kasten's room where he is constantly pestered by Chris Maull.

In his last class of the day with Mr. Kerr (where he turns out to be a scholar) Bruce finds that all joking must stop and for the last 45 minutes of his day he has to remain quiet!

BOY'S FASHION:

Swing in Style

by Jim Walker

This year more than ever the West Junior High boys are in style.

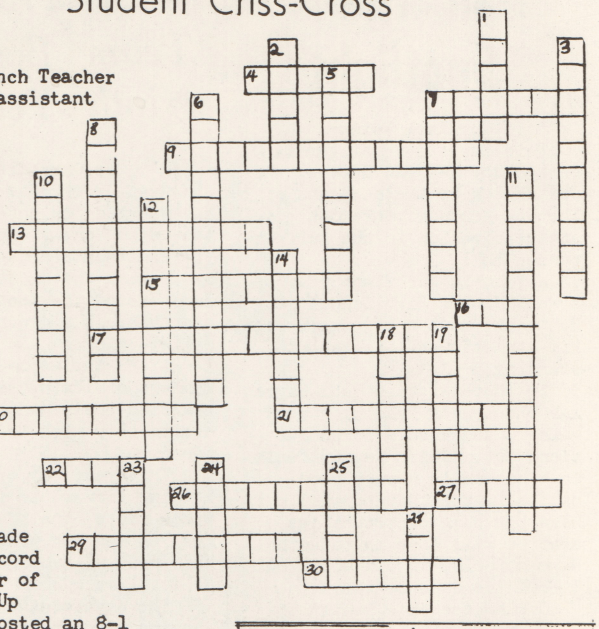
In the freshman class the boys are wearing pin striped and pin checked shirts with dress pants. The once popular "continental" or beltless pants are now replaced by belt loops and cuffs. Madras shirts that were a big fad two years ago are now seldom seen.

The traditional white jeans are still worn but aren't as popular as they once were. The navy blue or dark green nylon warm-up jackets are more popular now than they were last year.

It is a well accepted fact at least in the 8th and 9th grades that boys in style wear dark socks. White socks are not at all as popular as they once were, except for athletics.

Penny loafers are all the way in this year. Although some boys wore them last year, almost everyone wears them now. With spring here some of the guys are wearing gym shoes.

Student Criss-Cross



ACROSS
4. New French Teacher
7. West's assistant principal
9. Student Council
13. Mrs. Cleary or Mr. Wagner
15. Disliked by all students
17. Student gov't
20. Study period at the beginning of school
21. 9th grade had 7-3 record
22. Advisor of The Round-Up
26. They posted an 8-1 record
27. West's librarian
29. Known for their strings
30. PECK! PECK! PECK!

DOWN
1. Mr. Budd teaches _____.
2. Sport-soon to start
3. They keep our school neat and clean
5. Homemaking or Home _____.
6. Peppiest girls in school
7. Principal of West
8. Round-Up class
10. 9th grade won against Milan and Saline
11. Only boys can take this
12. Name of our school
14. Organized by cheerleaders
18. Helps plan your future
19. Mr. "L's" name does not end in "e."
23. Everyone's favorite period
24. 7th grade traffic director
25. West's secretary
28. I rating at festival

Mr. Beasly

Dear Mr. Beasly,
Help! I have a problem. There are a few people that tell me that my boy friend doesn't really like me and he tells me he does. Who should I believe?
Who to Believe

Dear Who,
If you really liked your boyfriend you would believe what he says because your friends probably don't know the true story.

Dear Mr. Beasly,
I have a problem with a girl. She hung-up in my face. What should I do?
Jack Lee

Dear Jack,
Maybe the girl doesn't care for you or you might have said something to make her hang-up.

Orchids & Onions

by Gayle Court

Orchids to:

Cindy Brown for being the top speller from West, and Scott Sawaya for coming in second.

Donna Sullivan for being one of the top winners in the Exchange Club Crime Prevention Poster Contest.

Joel Rutherford for buying seven Round-Ups.

Onions to:

Dana Hershlieb for forgetting to pay for her lunch. (Incidentally, she went right back and paid)

Alice Lamiman for putting a dime in the milk machine and getting milk and a penny back.

Bob McSpadden for accusing Mike Wilson of stealing his underwear.

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Dear Mr. Beasly,
We have this friend who has terribly bad breath. If we tell her about Scope she will laugh it off and think we're joking. What should we do? We're serious.
Help!

Dear Help,
If you are really serious tell her she has bad breath. Act serious about it. If it doesn't work avoid her until she corrects her problem.

Dear Mr. Beasly,
I'm in a sorrowful plot! My boyfriend dropped me. Now a mess of boys like me. Now my boyfriend likes me again. He's too cute to pass up. What should I do?
Too Cute

Dear Cute,
If he's too cute to pass up, like him. The other boys can be good friends.